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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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EP 0 945 837 A2	September 29, 1999	European
EP 0984 407 A2	March 8, 2000	European
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Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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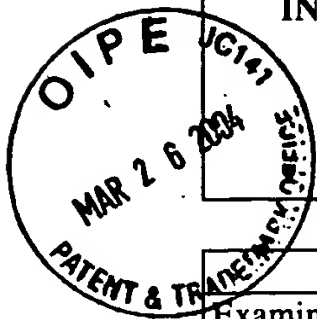
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